

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite. The Examiner has made certain specific comments concerning the indefiniteness. By the above amendments, Applicant has canceled claims 1 and 2 and claim 3 should be free of all indefiniteness and thereby acceptable under 35 U.S.C. §112.

Claims 1 and 2 have also been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the admitted prior art of FIG. 4A and B. Applicant has, as stated above, submitted new claim 3 which reflects the differences between FIG. 1A and FIG. 4A; claim 3 now recites a ball screw unit with a ball screw connected to the motor and in contact with a mirror. The ball screw unit converts the rotation of movement of the motor into a linear movement so that the mirror orientation is changed thereby changing the incident angle of the laser beam reflected at the mirror and incident on the wavelength selecting reflector. This is different from the prior art admitted by Applicant and otherwise cited by the Examiner and is non-obvious thereover. As a result, Applicant believes that claim 3 now recites over the art.

The Examiner has also objected to the drawings; the Notice of the Draftsperson's Drawing Review indicates that FIGS. 2 and 3 do not use the English alphabet. Applicant notes that 37 CFR §1.84 (p)(2) states that "The English alphabet must be used for letters, except where another alphabet is customarily used, such as the Greek alphabet to indicate angles, wavelengths and mathematical formulas." Applicant notes that the non-English referred to in FIGS. 2 and 3 are theta symbols which are commonly used to refer to angles and accordingly, Applicant believes that the drawings should be acceptable in that regard.

Applicant hereby submits new drawings to correct the margin problems noted by the Draftsperson.

Applicant hereby requests reconsideration and reexamination thereof.

With the above amendments and remarks, this application is considered ready for allowance and Applicant earnestly solicits an early notice of same. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,
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